

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MAY 19, 2011**

Called to order at 7:00

In attendance Katy Kennedy (voting for Neil), Tom Grella, Helen Rowe,  
Doug Chabinsky (voting for Jim), Bruce Fraser, Jamie Ramsay.

Neil arrives at 7:30.

**Old Business**

**24 Courthouse Rd.** Peter Hunter, window replacement. Helen makes a motion to accept application as presented, seconded by Doug, all in approval. Motion passes.

**7 Church St.** – Revision of front Porch, Rolf Biggers' presenting: open items include; fencing, location of gates, and light fixtures. Jamie steps down (Bruce will voting for Jamie. The porch will extend out approx. 3 feet larger in depth, with the same width. All materials are compatible, with a shallow slope. Helen asks if the walkway will be brick. Rolf replies, yes. The front of the house faces south leaving the back in the shadow, with heavy traffic 2 times a day on Jailhouse. Having the deck extended will prove for chairs on the porch. Helen moves to approve the change in the porch as presented on plan 202, seconded by Tom, revision date of 27 April 2011. All in favor, motion passes. Lee Harrington presents the landscape plan to the board. From the garage along the west side the fencing will be 6 foot board fence around the back. A picket fence will be on the east side, this will replicate the fence at the parsonage. Tracy asks to see details on the fence, the gates and the hardware, normally the commission is given detailed photos. Mr. Harrington states that this will be 4 foot with 2 inch spacing between the pickets. Helen asks for specifics on the arbor. Rolf moves on to the light fixtures; photos are distributed to the commission, dark bronze finish, smaller of the lamp post lights (hanging) will be at the main front door and will be 26 inches, a hanging fixture on the porch (being 18 inches), a wall mount fixture adjacent to the garage will also be 26 inches and a pole fixture (20 inch high) near the porch. Style being #10 and 11 on the diagram Tracy makes a motion to approve #10 and 11 Boston collection with a dark brass finish. Katy seconds all in favor motion passes.

Motion to table the fencing made by Katy, Tom seconded. The concept is acceptable; however the commission is looking for details.

**New Business**

**6 Courthouse Rd.** – Walkway presented by Carolyn Quinn. Tracy steps down as she is an abutter. The commission visited the residence on the site walk. The walkway will go from the door to the driveway, the step will be granite. The brush will be trimmed, if it is removed it will be replaced with something smaller. This is mainly to announce the entrance. Helen asks about the pattern of the brick. On the edges the brick will be small and within the walkway the bricks will be larger. Jamie asks about the granite. Mr. Quinn has stated that it will be larger than a normal step. Doug makes a motion to accept the

brick walkway with a granite landing with hand cut edges, approximately 4 foot wide.  
Seconded by Helen, motion passes.  
Finding: appropriate within the village.  
Duplicating the front walk, there is already a granite step there, this one will be larger.

Discussion:

Tracy steps back on the commission.

**Sound system on the green** - Reed Panasiti, 11 Mack Hill Rd.; The current system needs to be carried onto the common and they are quite heavy. He has spoken with a couple of companies about having semi-permanent system. There aren't many companies that will do this. They are recommending 30 amp speakers that will be permanently placed, they are weather tight speakers and will be located up in the trees. The trees will be used as their support. Helen asks if they can be painted. They are polyurethane resin paint, maybe black or brown. Neil asks about the wiring. Reed states that it will be black and will be underground to the power supply. Tracy asks if they will be used for other parades other than the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Reed states that there are other functions, but none that use the bigger speakers. Doug states that they will need to be a dark color. The commission would like to see details, size and color and where they would be located and how they would be located there. The commission generally feels that this is a good idea and the community will be well served. Tom recommends a site walk before the next meeting. Reed doesn't feel that this would be a problem, time wise.

**130A Amherst St.** – Mr. Daniels and Tim Farris presenting. Mr. Daniels is ready and willing to put trees in. He is looking for suggestions as to the type of trees and what will hide the poles. Jamie apologizes for upsetting Mrs. Daniels n the site walk, he is very sorry. Mr. Daniel feels bad also and is ready to move forward. Jamie asks what they are proposing and presenting. They would like to put in native trees and given the height of trees, the driveway, and the height of the pole. The intent is to hide the pole and work with the Commission. They would like to fill in the space along the driveway. Tracy likes the idea of the evergreens. Spruces are fast growing evergreen and that would be his choice, they are native. Tom asks about burying the line. Mr. Daniels states that there is too much ledge there and there would not be enough coverage. Tim states that the original submission showed the house. The telephone pole will not be moved, or relocated. Tim reads from the submission to the Planning & Zoning department. There was not a test pit for the driveway, and one is not normally done. No where in the regulations does it say that the lines have to be underground. The wires are underground for the last 200 feet. Neil states that the bottom line is that they hit ledge, and it happens, this is construction. Tim is obligated to his client, and states that you cannot walk out the door in the village without seeing a power line. Jamie asks if Tim is the GM on this job. He answers yes. One of the conditions on the approval was that the wires be underground and it should have been brought to the attention of the commission. Tim states that the driveway and the telephone pole has been there for 6 months, has Jamie seen this prior to it being taken to the commission. Tim asks why this wasn't brought to his attention by Jamie. Jamie states that it is not his obligation. Tim states that the utilities being underground are not in the regulations. Jamie states that Tim has a commitment to the commission and should have been brought to their attention.

Jamie states that if they require the owners to correct this issue it would cause them undo hardship and the Daniels have every intention of making this right. Bruce asks about other properties in the village that were required to put the utilities underground. There is one building lot in the village left. Would this be the rule, will be commission only approve underground utilities. Tracy states that the new plantings on the lot look good and it really helps, she thinks that they have shown good faith so far and the new plantings will counteract the issue. She asks about hemlocks and states that they are fast growing. Doug agrees that they don't want to cause undo hardship and that the Daniels have shown good faith in correcting the problem and the plantings have made a big difference.

Tom asks if he should step down and Jamie answers yes, he does have a conflict of interest. They are looking at June 15<sup>th</sup> for a closing. Helens states that the Daniels have show good faith so far. Doug states that they should provide an as built landscaping plan. Doug states that something in the 10 foot range would be appropriate and the Daniels has shown good landscaping to date. The depth of the ledge is approximately 1 foot in the area of the pole they can definitely get something in there according to Tim. Motion made by Doug to accept an as build landscape plan with an evergreen tree approximately 10 feet tall to block the pole, to be submitted at the next meeting. Also, that we approve occupancy when needed seconded by Neil, Jamie abstained from the vote. Motion moved and seconded no discussion motion passes.

**Boston Post Rd.** Rand and Linda Peck, Landscaping and fencing, The proposed fence would be 36 inches high, 2.5 inches between the pickets from the house to the driveway (15feet). The end posts will be 2 inches higher than the pickets with a peek on the top the middle posts will be lower than the pickets. It will be all cedar the rail is going to be a 2x3. Doug states that this would be appropriate. Doug makes a motion to accept the details provided as an addendum to the original application, seconded by Katy. All in favor motion passes

Findings, Appropriate size and scale to the property

Minutes of March and April 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph Founders Way Approved as submitted Katy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug. Approved

Motion to adjourn 9:00